

and 8 under 35 USC 103 as rendered obvious by Lobner in view of Taylor. The Examiner has rejected claims 5 and 10 under 35 USC 103 as rendered obvious by Lobner in view of Taylor. The Examiner has rejected claim 7 under 35 USC 103 as rendered obvious by Lobner in view of Cohen.

The specification has been amended by specifically pointing out that "longitudinal frame member. The specification has been amended to recite the correct reference numeral.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection as explained in more detail below. Reconsideration is requested.

The rejection of claim 6 under 35 USC 112, 1st paragraph:

The Examiner's assumption regarding the portion of the longitudinal member being the ends of said members as disclosed in the specification. Applicant directs the Examiner's attention to Fig. 4, where reference numeral 12 indicates that portion.

The rejection of claim 6 under 35 USC 112, 2d paragraph:

Claim 4 has been amended to address the rejection by replacing "is" with "being."

The rejection of claims 1-10 under 35 USC 112, 2d paragraph:

Claim 1 has been amended by inserting the words –to move — after the word "operable" lines 5 and 9.

The rejection under Section 102 over Lobner:

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 – 10 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Lobner. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. In order to

anticipate under 102, a single reference must disclose each and every element of the claim. Lobner fails to do so with regard to claims 1,2,4,6 and 9 in the following particulars:

1. Lobner discloses no platform pivotably mounted on a frame, and in particular no concave platform.
2. Lobner discloses no which is operable to move between first and second positions as claimed.
3. Lobner discloses no trailer having a platform supported in its second position by a pivotable front support member pivoting on the frame member as claimed.
4. Lobner does not disclose the rear edge of the platform being supported on the underlying surface as claimed.

Lobner discloses instead a simple trailer having no separate frame and operable platform as claimed. Lobner instead discloses a trailer with a front tongue pivotably mounted to the longitudinal tongue of the trailer, and which pivots about its mounting point on the tongue to raise the entire front of the trailer. For each of these reasons Lobner fails to anticipate any of claims 1-10., and the Examiner has not made a prima facie case of anticipation under Section 102.

The rejection under Section 103 over Lobner in view of Taylor:

The comments above regarding Lobner apply to this rejection as well. In addition, even if one applied the teaching of Taylor to Lobner, one would not achieve the invention of claim 1 or any claim dependent from claim 1. In particular neither reference teaches or suggests a trailer having a platform supported in its second position by a pivotable front support member pivoting on the frame member as claimed. Taylor teaches an articulated platform that is normally in a folded position and deployed by being "unfolded" rather than being pivotably mounted on a frame. Second, there is no suggestion in either reference to combine their teachings. One would have to consider applicant's disclosure in to find any suggestion or disclosure of the claimed invention. Lobner in view of Taylor therefore do not provide the basis to support a prima facie case of obviousness.

The rejection under Section 103 over Lobner in view of Hultquist:

The comments above regarding Lobner apply to this rejection as well. In addition, even if one applied the teaching of Hultquist to Lobner, one would not achieve the invention of claim 1 or any claim dependent from claim 1. In particular neither reference teaches or suggests a trailer having a platform pivotable on a frame as claimed, and which supported in its second position by a pivotable front support member pivoting on the frame member as claimed. Hultquist teaches a trailer having an extendable portion that extends to a deployed position to engage the ground, and in which the lower rear portion does not include a portion parallel with the ground to support the platform. Second, there is no suggestion in either reference to combine their teachings.

One would have to consider applicant's disclosure in to find any suggestion or disclosure of the claimed invention. Lobner in view of Taylor therefore do not provide the basis to support a prima facie case of obviousness.

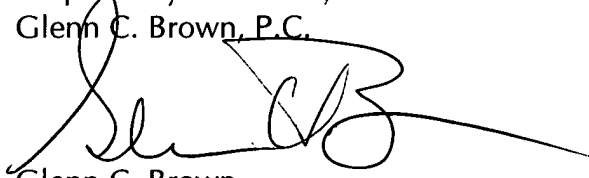
The rejection under Section 103 over Lobner in view of Cohen:

The comments above regarding Lobner apply to this rejection as well. In addition, even if one applied the teaching of Cohen to Lobner, one would not achieve the invention of claim 1 or any claim dependent from claim 1. In particular neither reference teaches or suggests a trailer having a platform pivotable on a frame as claimed, and which supported in its second position by a pivotable front support member pivoting on the frame member, and by a rear portion of the longitudinal member as claimed. Cohen teaches a trailer having an pivotable rear portion that rotates to a deployed position to engage the ground, and in which the lower rear portion does not include a portion parallel with the ground to support the platform. Cohen is supported instead by a "foot" that deploys from the frame to support the trailer frame. As is the case with the foregoing 103 rejections, there is no suggestion in either reference to combine their teachings. One would have to consider applicant's disclosure in to find any suggestion or disclosure of the claimed invention. Even if one combined the references as suggested by the Examiner, one would not achieve the claimed invention. Lobner in view of Cohen therefore do not provide the basis to support a prima facie case of obviousness.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner has not made a prima facie case of anticipation or obviousness, that each of the Examiner's objections and rejections has been overcome, and that this application is in condition for allowance. Such is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if doing so would be of benefit in advancing prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted;
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